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## Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 27	Bodo.....	17	0	0	0
28	Agnella.....	18	0	0	0
June 1	Preston.....	31	0	0	0

Week ended June 15. General sanitary conditions of this port and the surrounding country not reported. No quarantinable disease.

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Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected
June 12	Utstein.....	17	0	0	0
14	Imperator.....	21	5	0	0
12	Fjell.....	17	0	0	0
15	Preston.....	31	4	0	0

*Sanitary conditions at Puerto Cortez.*

Doctor Wailes further reports:

Puerto Cortez is situated on a narrow perinsula scarcely exceeding 1 mile in width at any point and extending  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles east and west, having deep water and open sea along the entire length on both sides. The land, while heavily timbered, is, like all the low coast lands of Central America, densely covered with a luxuriant undergrowth and studded with low, swampy ponds and marshes, never dry, which are breeding places for mosquitoes. This condition prevails particularly in the immediate vicinity of the town of Puerto Cortez. A few years ago the authorities had the brush cleared to a distance of about 200 feet back of the town, with the result of a marked improvement in conditions as far as the prevalence of mosquitoes and malaria was concerned. Later the work of clearing, draining, ditching, and raising the grade of the town from the sea front was undertaken by contract. This was carried out to the extent of about one-fourth of the work proposed, but the work has stopped and the land has been allowed to grow up again in bush.

The piping of water from the hills, a distance of about 3 miles, has been completed, but the reservoir and pipes have become fouled, and the water is deficient in quantity and not potable. The town has now no supply but that from cisterns and barrels, which are not screened or otherwise protected. Mosquitoes are abundant.

General health is good, and the death rate is not high. Health conditions among the crews of vessels lying at the wharves are also good. There have been no serious cases of malaria among them.

*Report from Tela, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Roe reports:

Week ended June 12. Present officially estimated population, about 1,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.